



Brasserie St Feuillien - Belgium

St. Feuillien is a family owned brewery founded in 1873 and located in the town of Le Roeulx – southwest of Brussels in Belgium. It is currently run by the fourth generation of the Friart family on the original site of the Abbey of Premonteres (now Abbaye St-Feuillien du Roeulx).

The brewery is the producer of several international award winning beers. The full product line includes a Blonde, Triple, Brune, Saison, Grand Cru, a Noel, and a line of fruit and wit beers under the Grisette label.



St Feuillien Triple

The Triple is a medium to full bodied Belgian Triple. On the nose there is a definite fruity aroma that also carries honey, spice, and typical Belgian yeast aromatics. Flavors include a mélange of malts, apricot/peach/banana, spice, and Belgian yeast. Compared to other Belgian Triples it is crisp and dry, less yeasty, and very refreshing. Winner of Gold for Belgian Triple at Barcelona Beer Challenge 2016.

Ratebeer 97/99. ABV of 8.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.



St Feuillien Brune

The Brune is a classic example of a Belgian Abbey Dubbel, malty and fruity, with a good dose of caramel and a touch of spice. It is somewhat sweet and rich, with medium to full body.

Ratebeer 92/97. ABV is 8.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.



St Feuillien Quad

New to St Feuillien in 2020 the Quad complements the line of exceptional quality Belgians. Aromas of raisins, caramel, soft malts, and vinous wood. Flavors of caramel, sweet malts and dark fruit. Slight sweet overall with distinctive St Feuillien yeast.

Ratebeer 98/93. ABV is 11%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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St Feuillien Saison

This beer is a great example of style in the hard to define Farmhouse/Saison category. It is crisp and fruity, yeasty and tangy, and quite refreshing. Well known worldwide, it won Gold at the Barcelona Beer Challenge in 2016 and Silver at the European Beer Star in 2015.

Ratebeer 91/88. ABV is 6.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24



St Feuillien Cuvee de Noel

The Noel is one of the best winter beers in Belgium. It is produced annually as a vintage product and is generally available after September. The beer is creamy and warm with a big malt and toffee presence and lots of spice. Brewed for cellaring.

Ratebeer 95/97. ABV of 9%. Available in 750ml bottles - case of 12 and 30 litre key kegs.

Abbaye des Rocs - Belgium

Located in Montignies-sur-Rocs in Hainaut province near the French border this very small family run brewery (less than 2000 hl annually) started commercial operation in 1979 and is located on the original site of the Abbaye des Rocs. Some of the buildings date from the original abbey and water is still drawn from the original source on the abbey grounds.

Run by Nathalie Eloir, one of the few women brewsters in Belgium, the brewery focuses on artisanal products using original recipes that have been handed down through generations. A number of dark, complex, Abbey style beer are brewed in a traditional manner along with a number of lighter blondes and witbiers.



Abbaye des Rocs Brune

The Brune is an incredibly big, malty, Abbey style beer made with seven types of malts and three different hops. To the nose there are rich aromas of warm spice, dark roasted malts, dark pitted fruit, and raisins. Flavors are of toffee, dark cherries, dates, and spice. There is an inherent sweetness, but of interest, no sugar is added during production.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 9%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.



Abbaye des Rocs Grand Cru

The Grand Cru is also a big malty, Abbey style beer. Not to be outdone by the Brune it is also very complex, with more dark fruit, cherries, and caramel in the mix plus hints of licorice and tobacco to make thing interesting. Smooth and medium to full bodied.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 9.5%. Available in 750ml bottles, case of 12.



Abbaye des Rocs Triple Imperiale

The Triple Imperiale is a big Belgian Dark Strong Ale. It is malty, soft, full bodied, and sweet. There is definite dark fruit and malts to the nose, and the flavors carry these along with a good dose of caramel, a bit of orange/citrus and a hint of chocolate. A good paring as an appetizer or with a desert.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 10%. Available in 750ml bottles, case of 12.

Bockor Brouwerij (Brouwerij VanderGhinste)

Located in Bellegems in West Flanders near the French border, this one hundred year old brewery is one of the few remaining family run breweries still brewing Flanders sours using traditional spontaneous fermentation and barrel aged methods.



Cuvée des Jacobins Rouge

Cuvée des Jacobins Rouge is a Flanders Sour Red Ale, garnet red in color with a balance of malty sweetness and acidic sharpness. The characteristics of the beer are a result of spontaneous fermentation and an 18 month aging in French oak cognac barrels. The beer has a strong aroma of oak and flavors of sour cherries, vanilla, and fruit abound. Bronze medal (Belgian and French Ales) 2015 Vancouver Magazine Craft Beer Awards. Gold Medal winner for Best Wood Aged Beer at the World Beer Awards.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 5.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.



VanderGhinste Oud Bruin

This Flanders Oud Bruin was the first beer brewed by Bockor in 1892 and is a regional product that can only be brewed in Southern West-Flanders. The aroma is dark fruit and wood, and the taste is characterized by a balance of fruitiness and a soft tartness. Ultimately tart and refreshing, the Oud Bruin won a gold medal in the category “Oud Bruin” at the World Beer Awards.

Ratebeer 84 ABV is 5.5%. Available in 250ml bottles, case of 24.

Brekeriet - Sweden

Brekeriet is the three brothers Ek; Christian, Andre, and Fredrick who focus on tank and barrel fermented Brett and sour beer. Starting in 2010 they have produced some incredible beers and generated a lot of buzz in Europe. In 2017, the guys moved to a new location north of Malmo which offered room for expansion, and more barrels and foeders.



Brekeriet Sour & Salt

This is the Brekeriet Gose equivalent brewed with salt and coriander, and fermented as a sour. Crisp and refreshing. Tangy and salty. Nice flavors of lemons, coriander/spice and wheaty malts.

Ratebeer 90. ABV is 4.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.



Brekeriet Purple Rain

Purple Rain was also part of the original Berliner Weisse series, and is also now in regular production. So good it made the top 50 Ratebeer for style... Blackcurrants and passion fruit provide a depth and fruitiness not typical of the style. Nice and tart.

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 5.3%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24, and 20 L kegs.



Brekeriet Pink Passion

Pink Passion is one of the original Brekeriet Berliner Weisse. Brewed as part of a special series it was well received in Europe and now is now in regular production. Brewed with passionfruit and hibiscus flowers there is a nice soft fruitiness, a lemony tartness, and light floral notes. Of significant note - it's gluten free!

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 4.7%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24, and 20L kegs

Siren - United Kingdom

Located outside of Reading, west of London, Siren has grown since its birth in 2013 into one of the UK's best and diverse craft breweries. Named the 'Best Brewer in England' by Ratebeer in 2015, and presented the Supreme Champion Beer of Britain award by CAMRA in 2018, the brewery has gone on to win several awards for individual beers.

Nitro Caribbean Chocolate Cake



The beer that started it all. Caribbean Chocolate Cake is a dense, rich and luxurious stout – even more so this year with the smooth, thick drinking nitro edition. The body of this beer is full and decadent, encapsulating the 'Cake' element in the name more than ever before, hand-roasted cacao nibs give hints of tamarind and soft lemon, along with a beautiful chocolate baseline. The malts provide coffee and roast notes in abundance, while the hop profile adds orange and coconut flavours. Spinning on Cypress wood is the icing on the cake - offering lightly toasted vanilla wafers and delicate tannins, balancing the inherent sweetness of the beer.

Ratebeer 99. ABV of 7.4%. Available in 330 ml cans, case of 12.

Death by Caribbean Chocolate Cake



Death by Chocolate Cake doubles down on everything. More cacao nibs, more cacao husks, more lactose, and even more wood. And a ramping to imperial strength. The effect is lots of nutty chocolate fudge and caramel with additional wood and spices. Big and tasty.

Ratebeer 99. ABV of 10.2%. Available in 330 ml cans, case of 12.

Brouwerij Kees - the Netherlands

Kees Bubberman, the Emelisse brewer of fame, has his own brewery! Same philosophy as before – great base beer with barrel variants. And just like Emelisse, Kees is getting great reviews. He is so successful it's a challenge getting his beers. But worth it when available!



Caramel Fudge Stout

Dark rich chocolatey fudge. And a ton of it... Lots of dusty dark chocolate, sweet rich coffee and cream, vanilla, and sweet roasted malts with a little spice. Slick, almost syrupy. An Imperial chocolate explosion and a decadent dessert beer.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.



American Barley Wine

Lighter than Kees' previous behemoths, this barley wine is still big and full, and also worthy of cellaring. Malty and sweet when young, there are a multitude of flavors including rich caramel, oranges, ripe fruit, and vanilla.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 11.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.



Export Porter 1750

Don't get fooled by the name – this is really a Russian Imperial Stout, and just as good if not better than some of Kees' previous stouts. Big and complex. Smooth and slightly warming. Bittersweet with roasted malts, caramel, dark chocolate, black coffee, licorice and molasses. Yummy. Top notch.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 10.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.



Project BA Cognac 2023

The first Barrel Project in 2023 is an Imperial Stout that has aged in Cognac barrels for over two years. Lots of oaky cognac, chocolate, raisins, vanilla, caramel, and dark roasty malts with a bit of Kees characteristic use of Sorachi Ace hops. Big and tasty.

Ratebeer 93. ABV is 14.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

Hanssens Artisanaal – Belgium

Hanssens Artisanaal is a very small, traditional lambic blendery located in Dworp, Belgium. It is a family run operation that is one of the oldest lambic blenders in Belgium. They have been blending since 1871! The family has continued to focus on the traditional Lambic and Gueuze styles while also recently experimenting with various new fruited Lambics and a Mead/Gueuze blend. The initial Westbier selection includes the classics.



Oude Gueuze

As with all Gueuzes, this is a mixture of several vintages. A second fermentation takes place inside the bottle, which is stored for a minimum of six months. The result is refreshingly fruity. The Oude Gueuze pours a hazy copper with a light head. Aromas of barnyard and citrus. Flavors of sour peach candies, additional stoned fruit, citrus, and tart wheat.

Ratebeer 98. ABV of 6%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 24.



Oude Kriek

The Oude Kriek is a blended black cherry lambic of different ages with a second fermentation in the bottle. Pours a deep red with lots of sharp black cherries in the aromas and flavors. Crisp, with a light body. Oh...It has a thirty year Best Before. Definitely a cellarable lambic that will evolve over time.

Ratebeer 97. ABV of 6%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 24.



Cassis

The Cassis is a lambic brewed with black currants (cassis). Pours a deep garnet red color. Dusty rich aromas of red berries and currants with just a touch of funk. Rich flavors of tart berries, currants, salal and wheat. A classic.

Ratebeer 94. ABV of 6%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 24.

Tempest – Scotland

Gavin and Annika Meiklejohn met in a brewpub in Whistler before travelling the world together and finally settled down in New Zealand. It was there, while working as a chef, that Gavin began home brewing in their garage in Christchurch. Moving back to Scotland in 2010 the team started creating some of the world's best beer to match the quality of Gavin's culinary creations.

Mexicake



One of Tempest's sought after core beers Mexicake is an Imperial Stout with Mexican character brewed with chocolate, vanilla beans, cinnamon, and both chipotle and mulato chiles. Aromas of dusty dark chocolate, vanilla, roasted peppers and slick roasted malts. Flavors of dark chocolate, vanilla, light cinnamon, and smooth roasted malts with a nice peppery heat in the finish.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11.0%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

Mexicake Bourbon Barrel Aged



Take a great beer and barrel age it to add big bourbon notes. Aromas of chocolate, vanilla, and soft bourbon. Flavors of oaky bourbon, dark caramel, spice, creamy dark chocolate and smooth roasted malts. This is a big sipping beer.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 12.4%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

Old Parochial Barrel Aged



An Imperial Scotch Ale aged in Speyside single malt whiskey barrels. The barrel aging of the Old Parochial takes the original raisin bread, toasty malts, and brown sugar flavors and adds notes of woody whiskey with a little smoky peat. Another big sipper.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 13%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

All the Leaves Bourbon Barrel Aged



An Imperial Brown Ale aged in Heaven Hills Bourbon barrels re-fermented with Canadian maple syrup. Aromas of dark caramel and bready malts. Flavors of soft oaky bourbon, maple syrup, raisins, and biscuity malts. Beautiful balance. Not too sweet. Rich and sticky.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 11.2%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

De Moersleutel – the Netherlands

Meaning Wrench in Dutch, De Moersleutel was founded by four Engineering brothers, Pim, Tom, Rob, and Max Zomerdijk. These guys push the brewing processes and equipment, engineering big flavorful Imperial stouts, Pastry Stouts, and Barley Wines, with additional barrel aged variants.

Motor Oil



Motorolie is the original big Russian Imperial Stout stout that put de Moersleutel on the map. It is now a core beer. Aromas of creamy dark chocolate, dark fruit, vanilla, and slick roasted malt. Flavors of dark chocolate powder, espresso, soy sauce, vanilla, and rich roasted malts. Really rich and tasty.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 12.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

Macaroon Machine



Just like the candy, Macaroon Machine brings out chocolate and coconut along with marshmallow, dark caramel, vanilla, and rich roasted malts. Sweet chocolate coconut. A great pastry stout.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 10.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

Motor Oil Double Vanilla



This Motor Oil variant is based on a slightly less aggressive base (ie lower ABV) with lots of vanilla added. As per the bigger brother it's deep black in color with a strongroasted malt aroma; but this time with an intense vanilla flavor. The vanilla in this beer is originated from Mexico and Madagascar (also known as bourbon vanilla).

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 10.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 24.

Frontaal – the Netherlands

Founded in 2015, the brewery has taken the motto "Beer for Thought". With this, they mean creating tastes, colors and smells in the beer which stimulates the drinker to wonder about what those elements are caused by. In addition to looking for the effects of the ingredients, one could also think about which dish the beer pairs well with, or at what time of day is the best time to drink it. With a number of Stout and Barley Wine base beers and lots of barrel aged versions, the brewery is a great fit for the Westbier portfolio.

Deer Hunter



A Frontaal core beer, Deer Hunter is a huge Imperial Stout that is also used as a base for barrel aged variants. Aromas of creamy chocolate, mocha, vanilla, and soft roasted malts. Flavors of bitter dark chocolate, roasted malts, black coffee, and licorice. Very dry finish.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 13.4%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

Into Outerspace



Into Outer Space is a Pastry Stout with Tonka Beans and Vanilla. It's rich. Vanilla and tonka come through with additional cinnamon, raisin toast, nutty chocolate and smooth, roasted malts.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 11.0%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

Down The Rabbithole



Down the Rabbithole is a Pastry Stout with coconut, chocolate and fudge. It's sweet and smooth. Aromas of fudge and coffee. Flavors of chocolate, caramel, coconut, licorice and roasted malts.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 12.0%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

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Sticky Mousetrap Barrel Aged

Aged on Bourbon and Scotch Barrels, Sticky Mousetrap is a Barley Wine with subtle and elegant barrel effects. Notes of caramel, soft whiskey barrel, dark fruit/raisins, and big bready malts.

Ratebeer 96. ABV is 12.0%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.



Out In The Open Barrel Aged

Aged on Bourbon and Scotch Barrels, Out In The Open is an Imperial Stout with prominent barrel effects. Notes of caramel, Bourbon, oak, vanilla, chocolate nougat, and rich roasted malts. Beautiful barrel balance, sufficient to add sweetness to complex flavors without overkill.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11.0%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

Puhaste – Estonia

Puhaste was founded in 2016 and is located in Tartu Estonia. The brewery name came from the village where brewer Euro, made his first test batches. Pastry stouts and barrel aged beers (ie Silver Series) are a staple.



Trinity in Black

Trintiy in Black is a big Pastry Stout brewed with tonka beans, cocoa nibs, vanilla, cinnamon and lactose. Aromas of rich chocolate/tonka beans, vanilla, creamy coffee and big roasted malts. Flavors of spicy rich chocolate syrup, thick vanilla, light cinnamon, creamy coffee and oily roasted malt. A decadent mouthful.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 12.5%. Available in 330ml bottle, case of 24.



Muda

Muda is a Pastry Stout brewed with cocoa nibs, cocoa paste, molasses and lactose. Aromas and flavors of dusty chocolate, molasses/dark sugars, creamy coffee, and big roasted malts.

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 11.0%. Available in 330ml bottle, case of 24.



Beans & Biscuits

Beans & Biscuits is a Pastry Stout brewed with Colombian La Claudina coffee and biscuits. Generally lighter and more approachable than Puhaste's other huge Pastry Stouts there is a nice balance between bitter and sweet. Still lots of vanilla, rich chocolate, black coffee, and roasted malts.

Ratebeer 94. ABV is 9%. Available in 330ml bottle, case of 24.



Dekadents

As the name implies Dekadents is a super rich Imperial Stout aged on raisins and rum soaked vanilla beans. Big in all flavors; chocolate nougat, mocha, dark vanilla, dark fruit, and oily roasted malts; but also with a little bit rum to make things interesting.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11.2%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

Pohjala – Estonia

Põhjala was founded in Tallinn, Estonia at the end of 2011 by four Estonian beer enthusiasts and home brewers. Soon thereafter the company was joined by Scottish head brewer, Chris Pilkington, bringing experience from Brewdog. The first Põhjala beer, Öö Imperial Baltic Porter, was released in the beginning of 2013. Most notable are the Pohjala Cellar Series, generally special barrel aged variants of core and unique beers, plus collaborations.



Öö

Meaning Night, Öö is a big Imperial Baltic Porter and a core beer. Aromas of sweet molasses, soy, and black coffee. Flavours follow same with additional dark chocolate and nuttiness.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 10.5%. Available in 330ml bottle, case of 24.



Öö XO

From the Cellar Series, this is Öö aged in Cognac barrels. Aromas of oaky cognac, cinnamon, black coffee and dry roasted malts. Flavors of big cognac, wood, raisins, black coffee and roasted malts.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 11.5%. Available in 330ml bottle, case of 24.



CocoBanger

From the “Banger” Series this is a big rich Imperial Stout. Aromas of roasty malts, sweetened coffee, coconut, and vanilla. Flavors follow same with additional dark chocolate and a little icing sugar. Clean and nicely balanced. No hint of the ABV.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 12.5%. Available in 330ml bottle, case of 24.

Amager - Denmark

Amager is a small Danish craft brewer noted for incredible and sometimes zany beers, ranging from hoppy West Coast IPAs to big thick stouts. Several great collaborations with other European and US breweries are regularly produced. Started by brewers Morten Valentin Lundsbak and Jacob Storm in 2007, a full brewery opened just outside Copenhagen on the island of Amager in 2011.

Hr. Frederiksen



Named after a friend of the brewery this beer is pitch-black and full-bodied with lots of dry roasted malt, dark berries, and sweet dark chocolate. Here's what the guys say: "...this beer is an Imperial Stout that is said to resemble its namesake's "pitch-black humor" and powerful personality. Modeled after an American style, it is dense and creamy, with a light brown head that leaves a delicate lace in the glass." Eight different malts are used for color and texture, and Centennial hops balance the roasty bitterness, while adding floral, fruity aromas.

Ratebeer 100. ABV of 10.5%. Available in 440 ml can, case of 24

Rye King Bourbon Barrel Aged



Originally a 2010 collaboration with Goose Island, but now brewed on a periodic basis, Rye King is defined by Amager as a Rye Stout. Over 20% of the malt comes from rye which adds a crisp sharpness to the base roast. Overall notes of chocolate and licorice with a bit of smoke.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 7.7%. Available in 440ml can, case of 24.

Macabre



A collaboration with Salikatt Bryggeri of Norway, Macabre is a huge Imperial Stout. Aromas of dark chocolate, dark sugars and caramel. Flavors of rich roasted malts, a little brown sugar, lots of dark chocolate and a bit licorice. Big and complex.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 14.2%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

Dario the Dark Don



From the Monster series... Originally brewed as 10th year anniversary beer, Dario is an Imperial Stout with a tip of the hat to American styled stouts. Notes of dark chocolate, black coffee, vanilla and a little hoppy bitterness.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 11.2%. Available in 440ml can, case of 24.